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SUBJ: MISSION MONTHLY NARCOTICS REVIEW FOR MARCH, 1975.

REFS: A) MEXICO 2118; B) MEXICO 2335; C) MEXICO 2554; D) MEXICO  
2794; E) MEXICO 2511; F) MEXICO 2472.

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SUMMARY: AIR SUPPORT AND LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS CONTINUED TO PLAGUE  
THE SPRING CAMPAIGN, WHICH MADE RESPECTABLE PROGRESS DESPITE  
THEM; THE USG AGREED TO PROVIDE TWO ADDITIONAL BELL 212  
HELICOPTERS; MEXICO WAS VISITED DURING MARCH BY THE INSPECTOR  
GENERAL FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AS WELL AS BY OFFICERS FROM  
S/NM AND ARA; THE MEXICAN CENTER FOR DRUG DEPENDENCY RESEARCH  
(CEMEF) SENT 31 PROFESSIONALS TO MIAMI FOR PREVENTION/TREATMENT  
TRAINING; MEXICAN OFFICIALS CALLED ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEM  
OF NARCOTICS BEING EXCHANGED FOR CONTRABAND ON THE HIGH SEAS,  
AND THE GROWING INCIDENCE OF DRUG ABUSE IN THE VALLEY OF MEXICO;  
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AND PUBLICITY WAS GIVEN A DEA STATEMENT THAT MEXICO ACCOUNTS

FOR 50-65 PERCENT OF THE HEROIN ENTERING THE UNITED STATES TODAY. SEIZURES AND ARRESTS WERE DOWN FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY AND GOM ACTIVITIES

A. DESPITE INADEQUATE HELICOPTER SUPPORT AND LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS, THE 1975 INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN MADE GOOD PROGRESS IN MARCH. THIS WAS DUE LARGELY TO HARD WORK BY ALL PERSONNEL CONCERNED. SEE WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT SUMMARIZED IN MEXICO 2118, MEXICO 2335, MEXICO 2554, AND MEXICO 2794.

B. AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS AMENDING THE DECEMBER 11, 1974 BILATERAL AGREEMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE GRANT OF TWO BELL 212 HELICOPTERS, WAS EFFECTED BETWEEN AMBASSADOR JOVA AND ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA ON MARCH 20. (SEE MEXICO 2511).

C. MR. DUGSTAD (S/NM), MR. BROWN (ARA) AND MR. BUCK (S/NM) PAID AN EARLY MARCH VISIT TO MEXICO TO CONFER WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY OFFICERS, MEET WITH GOM OFFICIALS AND VISIT THE SINALOA/CHIHUAHUA/DURANGO FORWARD BASES AND POPPY GROWING AREA (ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEA DEPUTY REGIONAL DIRECTOR AND THE EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR).

D. THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, MR. WEBSTER B. TODD, PAID A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO MEET THE AMBASSADOR AND HIS NARCOTICS STAFF, DR. GUIDO BELSASSO OF CEMEF, ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA, AND TO VISIT THE AFOREMENTIONED POPPY GROWING AREA (ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEA REGIONAL DIRECTOR). (MR. TODD'S PRODUCTIVE TRIP WAS REPORTED IN MEXICO 2472).

E. IN LATE FEBRUARY AND EARLY MARCH, SOME 31 MEXICAN PROFESSIONALS PARTICIPATED IN A TWO WEEK PREVENTION/TREATMENT COURSE AT THE SAODAP MIAMI TRAINING CENTER. MOST OF THE PARTICIPANTS WERE TO DIRECT OR STAFF THE NEW CEMEF TREATMENT CENTERS THROUGHOUT MEXICO, WHILE OTHERS WERE FROM CEMEF HEADQUARTERS OR THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

F. REAR ADMIRAL MIGUEL PORTELA CRUZ, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE NAVAL FORCE OF THE GULF OF MEXICO, DENOUNCED THE FLOURISHING  
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EXCHANGE OF MEXICAN SUGAR AND NARCOTICS FOR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND OTHER CONTRABAND, WHICH HE SAID IS BEING CONDUCTED BETWEEN MEXICAN SUPPLY BOATS AND U.S. FISHERMEN.

G. MEXICAN PAPERS CARRIED A UPI STORY DATED MARCH 6 QUOTING DEA ADMINISTRATOR BARTELS AS SAYING (BEFORE THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY) THAT BETWEEN 50 AND 65 PERCENT OF THE HEROIN ENTERING THE U.S. TODAY IS OF MEXICAN

ORIGIN.

H. OTHER PUBLICITY WAS GENERATED BY THE MEXICAN/US INTER-PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE AT CANCUN. STATEMENTS ON THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM BY BOTH MEXICAN AND U.S. LEGISLATORS WERE CARRIED IN AT LEAST ONE MEXICAN CITY DAILY.

I. THE PRESIDENT OF THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE VALLEY OF MEXICO ANNOUNCED THAT THE REPETITION OF A 1973 POLL SHOWED THAT DRUG ADDICTION HAD INCREASED SEVEN PERCENT IN THE INTERIM. YOUTH OF ALL CLASSES WERE AFFECTED, HE SAID, BY THE USE OF MARIJUANA, PSYCHOTROPICS AND OTHER DRUGS.

## 2. GOM ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

### A. WITH U.S. AUTHORITIES

5 KG. OPIUM SEIZED IN DIAZ ORDAZ, TAMAULIPAS; 6 ARRESTED.  
800 GM. HEROIN, 300 GM. COCAINE TAKEN IN TIJUANA; 3 ARRESTS.  
1 KG. HEROIN SEIZED IN GUADALAJARA; 5 ARRESTED.  
.5 KG. HEROIN SEIZED IN NOGALES; 2 ARRESTS.  
5 KG. OPIUM TAKEN NORTH OF ACAPULCO; FOUR ARRESTS.  
3.2 KG. COCAINE SEIZED AT TALISMAN, MEXICO CUSTOMS ENTRY POINT; THREE U.S. CITIZENS ARRESTED.  
6.5 KG. HEROIN TAKEN IN TIJUANA; ONE ARREST.  
280 GM. HEROIN SEIZED IN HERMOSILLO; ONE ARREST.  
500 KG. MARIJUANA TAKEN IN CIUDAD JUAREZ; 8 ARRESTS.  
8 KG. OPIUM BASE SEIZED IN IGUALA, GUERRERO; 3 ARRESTS.

### B. INDEPENDENT MEXICAN OPERATIONS

NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER ARRESTED IN REYNOSA AFTER OPENING FIRE ON MEXICAN AGENTS.  
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1.25 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED NEAR MEXICALI; 3 ARRESTS.  
15 KG. RAW OPIUM, 1 KG. HEROIN, 2.5 KG. COCAINE AND 500,000 AMPHETAMINES TAKEN IN DIFFERENT OPERATIONS IN AND NEAR GUADALAJARA; SOME 50 PERSONS ARRESTED.  
150 GM. HEROIN SEIZED IN HERMOSILLO; 2 ARRESTS.

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.5 KG. COCAINE CAPTURED NEAR MAGDALENA, JALISCO.

600 KG. MARIJUANA SEIZED AT ROADBLOCK SOUTH OF HERMOSILLO;  
ONE ARREST.

ONE-HALF TON MARIJUANA TAKEN NEAR LOS MOCHIS; 6 ARRESTS,  
INCLUDING ONE U.S. CITIZEN.

9 OZ. HEROIN SEIZED IN TWO ACTIONS NEAR HERMOSILLO; 4  
ARRESTS, INCLUDING 2 U.S. CITIZENS.

1.8 KG. RAW OPIUM CAPTURED IN CUIDAD JUAREZ; 5 ARRESTS.

4 KG. OPIUM SEIZED AT MAGDALENA, JALISCO; 3 ARRESTS.

1.3 TONS MARIJUANA TAKEN IN TWO OPERATIONS IN JALISCO;  
5 ARRESTS.

2.7 KG. OPIUM SEIZED IN JALISCO; 3 ARRESTS.

1 TON MARIJUANA CAPTURED IN JALISCO; NO ARRESTS.

380 KG. MARIJUANA CONFISCATED IN CUIDAD JUAREZ; ONE TRAFFICKER  
KILLED, 5 ARRESTED.

750 KG. MARIJUANA TAKEN IN DURANGO; NO ARRESTS.

650 KG. MARIJUANA SEIZED IN MORELIA, MICHOACAN; 4 ARRESTS.

350 KG. MARIJUANA FOUND IN ABANDONED AIRCRAFT IN JALISCO.

300 KG. MARIJUANA TAKEN IN CUIDAD JUAREZ; ONE ARREST.

1.5 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED AT GUAYMAS/HERMOSILLO ROADBLOCK;  
3 ARRESTS.

1.5 TONS MARIJUANA FOUND IN ABANDONED TRAILER NEAR NOGALES.

75 GM. HEROIN CAPTURED IN MEXICALI; 4 ARRESTS.

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500 GM. HEROIN SEIZED IN TIJUANA; 4 ARRESTS.

2 KG. COCAINE TAKEN FROM BUS IN SONORA; 2 COLUMBIANS  
ARRESTED.

1.8 TONS MARIJUANA BURNED IN CRASH OF C-60 AIRCRAFT NEAR

NOGALES; PILOT KILLED AND UNIDENTIFIED.

BY SEEMING COINCIDENCE 1 TON MARIJUANA BURNED IN ANOTHER  
C-60 CRASH NEAR VERA CRUZ; TWO U.S. CITIZENS KILLED.

ONE HALF TON MARIJUANA CAPTURED AFTER GUNFIGHT NEAR  
MATAMOROS; TWO PERSONS BEING SOUGHT.

4 KG. OPIUM SEIZED AT CULIACAN AIRPORT; ONE ARREST.

1.5 KG. COCAINE FOUND BY CUSTOMS INSPECTOR AT MEXICO CITY  
AIRPORT; 1 COLUMBIAN ARRESTED.

#### C. MONTHLY WRAPUP (OFFICIAL GOM)

##### OPIUM

FIELDS DESTROYED	3,020
AREA IN SQUARE METERS	8,008,888 M2
OPIUM GUM	57.39 KG.
SEEDS	1.7 KG.
HEROIN	9.18 KG.
MORPHINE	1.8 KG.

##### COCAINE

DANGEROUS DRUGS	
AMPHETAMINES	325,037

##### MARIJUANA

FIELDS DESTROYED	378
AREA IN SQUARE METERS	864,678 M2
MARIJUANA (DRY) SEIZED	31.49 TONS
SEED	73.5 KG.
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AIRCRAFT SEIZED	7
AUTOMOBILES AND TRUCKS	67

##### ARRESTS

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FOREIGNERS (MOSTLY US)	28
MEXICAN NATIONALS	269

(NOTE: OFFICIAL GOM STATISTICS FOR SEIZURES DURING MARCH  
ACCORD WELL WITH THE EMBASSY'S UNOFFICIAL COMPILATION OF DEA  
REPORTS AND PRESS ACCOUNTS).  
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